

I am appointed to represent Mr. Crute in the above matter pursuant to CJA. At the last staus conference held on June 1, 2020, the Court was advised that the parties were involved in substantive plea negotiations and were optimistic of an agreement. A short adjourn date for the next court conference for this case (and for the defendant's also pending VOSR, 17 Cr. 110 (VB)) was therefore jointly requested and both matters were scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 12:00 pm. (ECF Doc No. 25). In the interim, the Government anticipated receipt of additional discovery, specifically, a DNA forensic report, within a week. Unfortunately, there was a delay from the Westchester County Lab and I received the report only yesterday, July 15th. Based upon the information in the report, I have requested, and the Government has agreed, to provide additional discovery from the lab.

There is insufficient time between now and August 3, 2020 for me to obtain and review the additional discovery and to consult with the defendant for him to make an informed decision as to whether there will be a plea or whether I will need to request a pretrial motion schedule.

I therefore write to the Court to request a six week adjournment of the August 3, 2020 conference (along with an adjournment of 17 Cr. 110 (VB)) to a date convenient to the Court. I am informed by AUSA Lindsey Keenan that the Government has no objection to this application.

Thank you as always, Your Honor, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Tanner & Ortega, L.L.P.

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